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An Integrated Approach for Influencing Social and Economic Policy in Maryland

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VISION

We envision a Maryland where people independently support themselves and their families and where individuals are safe from abuse and neglect.

MISSION

We will aggressively pursue opportunities to assist people in economic need, increase prevention efforts and protect vulnerable children and adults.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Work is indispensable for achieving independence.

Partnerships and alliances with businesses and the community are critical to our customers' ability to achieve and maintain independence.

Families should be the first resources for the emotional and financial support of their children and other family members.

Assistance should be provided to people while honoring individual and group differences.

Empowerment is essential to the provision of human services.



Message from the Secretary

"To live life effectively is to live with adequate information." – Norbert Weiner

This FACT PACK presents data from programs and services administered by the Department of Human Resources through local departments of social services and our community partner agencies. Also included is data from other state agencies that affects the citizens we serve, and economic and demographic data that gives a statewide picture of the environment in which this Department operates and our customers live their lives.

This Department is committed to basing decisions and policy on sound data and information and provides this document as a tool for others to do the same. In 1995, we introduced the DHR FACT PACK and distributed over 200 copies to our stakeholders - local departments of social services, local governments, planners, legislators, other state agencies and advocates. Demand for the FACT PACK in the past far exceeded our expectations. To ensure the widest possible distribution, the entire FACT PACK is on the DHR web site at www.dhr.state.md.us/pi/ along with DHR SNAPSHOTS, county-specific fact sheets for Maryland's 24 jurisdictions.

The data in the FACT PACK represents the most current demographics of the citizens of Maryland. This data is an important barometer of change and helps us identify the needs of our customers. Behind this accumulation of statistics are the real people of Maryland. We hope this 2003 FACT PACK provides an understanding of their needs and gives all of us an opportunity to develop new strategies and creative solutions for the issues that face Maryland's citizens.

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